GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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PROGRAMME FOR WEAKER SECTION
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been prepared for rehabilitation of weaker section in the country, especially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified for this purpose and the number of persons targeted to be benefited in Maharashtra along with the details of works undertaken so far; and

(d) the funds allotted so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In March 1992, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launch the scheme of National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers for training and rehabilitation of Manual scavengers in alternative occupations. The number of manual scavengers eligible for getting benefit under the scheme was 64,785 and the number of scavengers trained and rehabilitated and funds released since the inception of the scheme is given below:

Year	No. of scavengers		Funds released (Rs. In crore)
	Trained	Rehabilitated	
1991-92	-	-	3.70
1992-93	680	1650	6.59
1993-94	1034	2753	3.78
1994-95	1332	3246	5.00
1995-96	1782	3115	5.80
1996-97	1874	2349	0.00
1997-98	909	2273	0.00
1998-99	645	1678	0.00
1999-00	575	1313	0.00
2000-01	29	30	21.35
2001-02	2122	679	0.00
Total	10982	19086	46.22

The utilization certificate for 2001-02 has not been received so far.